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The Kif-Kif Sisters performed for a Razzamataz kids' show audience at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion May 1 - the first time the venue has been used for a public performance since COVID. Francoise Lepine is pictured. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Councillors fear single-issue candidates

By Lisa Gervais

As it appears time is running out for County council to adopt its shoreline preservation bylaw before the end of its term, Coun. Brent Devolin said he fears anti-shoreline bylaw candidates will run in this fall's election.

At an April 27 meeting, Council resolved to continue refining the draft bylaw and hire a solicitor to review it. However, they fell short of passing it.

If council does not adopt a final bylaw, Devolin said, "I think that this is going to

be a singularly hot list item in the municipal election."

He added, "what I always don't like to see in any level of politics is single-issue candidates and my fear is this will be a polarizing thing that if we don't make some decision or institutionalize where we go forward with this, that is what's going to happen."

He said he lived in Muskoka when something similar occurred in Port Carling and "it's a mess."

With nominations opening May 2, Devolin added, "Do I suspect in some

wards and jurisdictions there will be cottage associations and or others that are going to put single-issue candidates up? I fear for what can happen if we don't make some decisions about foundationally where we can go with this."

No so-called slates have yet filed for nomination.

Warden Liz Danielsen said there would always be single-issue candidates and, "I would hope the work we have done so far has formed a bit of a foundation. I know it's not adopted but the fact is we need to have a legal review before we can adopt the

document."

She and Coun. Pat Kennedy said the file can progress until new councils begin in November. For example, they said there would have to be changes to official plans and lower-tier bylaws. Kennedy said they could still hire staff to get ready for implementation, establish baselines and goals for the bylaw, and do public education.

Coun. Andrea Roberts suggested hiring one additional person to advance the

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Difference of opinions on Grass Lake proposal

HIGHLANDER INVESTIGATES

By Lisa Gervais

Harburn Holdings has written to nearby residents of its proposed condominium development on Grass Lake with an update of its plans. It's also replied to a Friends of Grass Lake (FGL) consultant's report panning the plans.

Anthony Usher is the planning consultant to Paul Wilson who is behind the condo project. Usher sent the letter and response to D.M. Wills Associates Limited's report on April 20. FGL hired the firm for a planning opinion.

In late March, the FGL issued a media release saying the planner had submitted a letter of objection to the proposal to Dysart et al on March 16.

"Planners with the firm say we have very good reasons to be opposed to this development and have itemized a laundry list of major deficiencies," said long-time resident and FGL member Carolyn Langdon in a media release.

She added the FGL feel the applications before the township are premature and incomplete "as they do not provide the necessary plans and studies to determine if the proposed condo and commercial development is appropriate and can be accommodated on the site."

For example, they said a site development

plan, concept drawings and an analysis of the floodplain were missing.

But Usher replied some of D.M. Wills' report "represents straight differences of planning opinion. I continue to believe the development is appropriate and represents good planning, and would have minimal adverse effects as demonstrated by the supporting studies."

Further, in the letter to Grass Lake residents, he cites "several improvements in our proposal, mostly in response to comments from the public." He also said there should be a public meeting in the next couple of months.

Concessions

The letter says Blanding's turtles will be protected via added mitigation measures, such as temporary fencing on the lakeward side of construction, species at risk training for construction contractors, permanent fencing on the lakeward side of all parking lots and a stewardship brochure for all future residential owners.

He provided new estimates of forest clearing, reducing the forest to 48 per cent but said over time cleared buffer lands will be re-naturalized back up to 69 per cent "almost as much as at present."

They are increasing setbacks to a pond to 30 m from 20 m; and a new 30 m setback from a stream. They also say no clearing will be allowed to encroach into buffers.



Don Ross, Lynda Williams and Carolyn Langdon of the Friends of Grass Lake. File.

Further concessions, they say, include no longer proposing a dock or pond viewing platform and any patio or deck reduced to 20-square-metres from 64.

Usher added there'll be a traffic study for the intersection of Peninsula Road and County Road 21; they "will make good" on any impacts on the well at Haliburton Veterinary Services; and will comply with municipal rules for exterior lighting.

Another major move is donating one of the lots to Places for People. (see page 3)

The FGL, though, still feel, "until such time as the applications provide

details on the form and function of the proposed development including location of buildings, structures, parking, access, landscaping or travel paths, the applications are considered premature." They are looking for 12 additional studies, such as a site plan.

However, Usher said Harburn Holdings is applying for the first of two stages so not all documentation is now required. For example, he said they haven't had to submit a site plan yet as they are only looking for official plan and zoning bylaw amendments at this stage.



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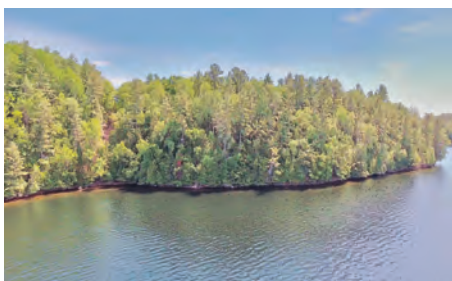
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Wilson shares vision for Harburn Holdings

By Lisa Gervais

The person behind the proposed Harburn Holdings in Dysart et al has come forward for the first time to tell his story.

Paul Wilson and his plan for a possible 88 units off of Peninsula Road have come under scrutiny by a grassroots organization calling themselves Friends of Grass Lake (FGL).

Wilson, who brought the Haliburton County Huskies to town, said, "I've lived here all my life. I'm a community-minded person."

He purchased the property in 2003 and said that he had filled land in and dug a pond, "making a pretty nice piece of property out of something that was not very desirable." However, he said he had permission from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of the Environment at a time pre-dating the County's tree preservation bylaw.

He added that detractors need to realize it is a two-phase planning process so things they believe are missing are premature but come in the second phase.

He's not even sure he wants to build the actual condos or apartments himself. "I'm

not a condo builder." He said he might sell or partner with somebody.

But before that, he said they need to get official plan and zoning approvals. So, it's too early for a design because they are determining the design specifications such as the maximum number of units, setbacks, and steps to protect the wetlands, for example.

"So, all the guy has to do that wants to build the condos is prepare a site plan and a site plan agreement ... he will show the exact size and location of what he proposes. He will have to do a stormwater management, grading and probably an erosion control plan. Those are all things that are normal at the building stage."

"If I knew exactly what we were going to build right now, then we could do that, but this is only step one of two steps. This is to get it so the land has been approved for such development but the specifics of the development have to occur in phase two."

Wilson said he wants to control what happens with the property and "be proud of whatever goes there so (if I do sell) I'm not selling it to somebody until they show me what they're going to do generally speaking and convince me that they're going to do it properly."

As far as timelines go, if he can get municipal approvals, "it could happen in a few years." And while he's hoping for that, he added if the township says no, he won't fight it.

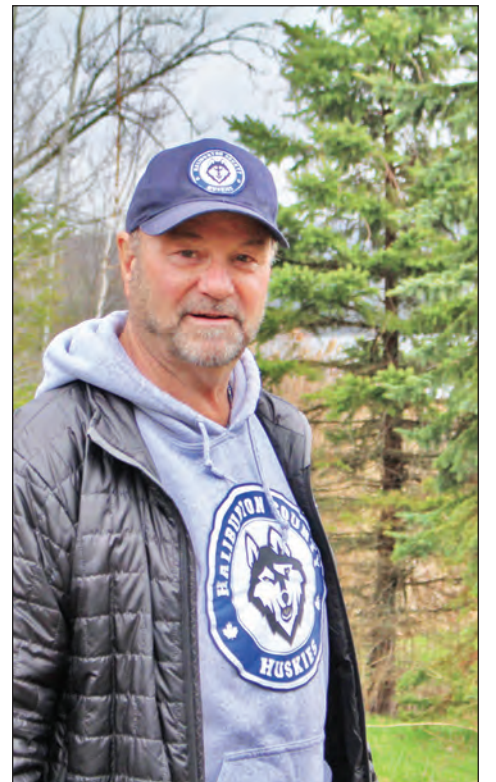
He feels he has been unfairly targeted, being called a "greedy developer" on social media.

However, he pointed to a number of concessions that he has made including his donation of one of the lots to Places for People, estimating the property is probably worth half-a-million dollars.

He said he is also concerned about the lack of housing in the County, and its effect on the ability of businesses to attract workers.

"I talked to some restaurant owners, one in Minden and one in Haliburton, who both say they can't stay open the hours they want because they can't find anybody to work. I talked to a guy at a lumber store the other day, he said he really likes the job, he just started there, but he's driving from Lindsay. I asked him 'why are you doing that?' and he said 'there's no place I can live up here'."

Wilson said plans such as the one he is proposing have to be on municipal sewer lines and there is not a lot of that developable land in the Highlands.



Paul Wilson stands beside his proposed Harburn Holdings development. Photo by Sam Gillett.

Donation to Places for People could add 15 units

By Lisa Gervais

Places for People Haliburton Highlands Inc. president Jody Curry said they're "incredibly pleased" that Paul Wilson has donated one of the lots of his proposed Harburn Holdings to the not-for-profit affordable housing organization.

Curry said while it is dependent on Harburn Holdings getting its official plan and zoning bylaw approvals from Dysart et al, it could equate to 15 new affordable housing units one day.

"We're incredibly pleased. We're desperately trying to provide affordable housing within the County," Curry said.

She added, "it's come to the point where we really can't afford to buy anything any longer. The numbers don't really work. So,

to have someone make such a generous offer is pretty outstanding."

Dysart et al has also offered a piece of land on Wallings Road and an affordable housing project is in the works for that site.

"Between the two, if the Paul Wilson piece happens, we're pretty excited about being able to provide more affordable housing in the County," Curry said.

She added that with their architect, they have been working on standardized plans that can still be tweaked for lots, rather than starting from scratch every time they have a proposal.

"We've been preliminarily planning all along for the lots on Wallings Road. Our plan always was to create one pod of 12 units and then replicate that pod as many times as possible so that we wouldn't

constantly be reinventing the wheel," she said.

The model they are looking at is based on being powered by solar energy, to attain efficiency. And while more expensive upfront, she said in the long-term it will pay itself off. Places for People will continue to own and rent the units.

In the case of the Wilson lands, Curry said they could take a pod of 12 and add something to it. The lot has sewer connections and a drilled well and is on a road, all of which are "huge," according to Curry.

It's "massively generous," she said.

Curry added the lack of housing in the Highlands, and affordable housing in particular, is now clearly on the radar as a huge problem that is preventing employers

from being able to find and keep workers and students from coming to Haliburton School of Art + Design.

"It just goes on and on," she said but added if Harburn Holdings gets its approvals, "there's 88 new units that weren't there before so I only see that as good."

"I just pray the approvals go through and it happens because he's (Wilson) done so much work up front ... we could be developing a lot sooner than we thought we would be."

"We're very happy about it. Very thrilled. We believe in environmental issues as well, but we also believe very much in affordable housing. We have to wait and see what happens but all of us are bowled over by the generosity, too."

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Roberts urges patience on Wallings Road

By Sam Gillett

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts said the public will have many opportunities to respond before any development plan for Wallings Road apartments is finalized.

A petition signed by 89 people opposing the development was circulated during an April 26 council meeting at which councillors discussed a revised letter of intent, a preliminary roadmap for a development agreement, between the township and Places for People. The not-for-profit wants to build 15 apartments outside of Haliburton, with an estimated 30 per cent classified as affordable.

Roberts said some concerns outlined in the petition, such as water and septic capacity, must be addressed in development plans. Those plans will be publicly available once the organization applies to rezone the land.

"We're getting preemptive letters of concern when the file hasn't come to council," Roberts said.

The petition, circulated by the Haliburton by the Lake Community Association, claims the development's location in the subdivision would negatively impact local ecosystems and gifting the land for the affordable housing project is an "inefficient use of taxpayer dollars."

Roberts said there will be a public meeting where the people will be able to respond to any plan that may be proposed.

"Any member of the public can speak about any zoning. It may affect them in ways we can't necessarily see," she said.

Before Places for People can put shovels in the ground, there are several



Nearby residents say a planned 15-unit development will negatively impact traffic flow on Wallings Road. *File.*

development milestones to hit, such as submitting a rezoning application, site development plans and an environmental assessment. The file will come back before council multiple times.

The project has been delayed for months, with a dispute between Dysart township and the County over the ability of the Wallings/County Road 21 intersection to handle increased traffic.

However, director of planning Jeff Iles said the township is "getting down to the details" of a letter of intent.

A letter of intent does not mean the development will be built. In fact, Places for People requested revisions to a previous draft of the letter, which limited the period of exclusive access to the site.

They claimed COVID-19 delays and the petition against the development means a longer timeline is needed to develop the site. The new deadline is Dec. 31, 2023, with council retaining the option to extend the exclusivity period. Places for People also concluded that the reduced property size will only accommodate 15 units, down

from the previously set target of 45. "If the Township [is] not willing to commit to providing additional property at this location (once the roadways have been established), 48 units is an impossible goal," wrote Places for People.

Staff will prepare an agreement of purchase and sale for the property. Council will vote to approve the letter of intent and agreement of purchase and sale at a future meeting.

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May 12 – Regular Council Meeting
May 26 – Regular Council Meeting

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Highlander news

Foundation suggests new path for cultural centre

By Sam Gillett

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation (MHCCF) proposes transferring governance of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village, and Nature's Place to its board of directors.

The request, raised at an April 28 council meeting, comes two months after news former curator Laurie Carmount was no longer employed at the gallery. That sparked concern about the gallery's future.

Neil Briggs, MHCCF president, told councillors transferring responsibility of the Bobcaygeon Road facility would "reduce township administration and staff costs and increase economic benefits to the town from more events."

The proposal would see a chief curator oversee day-to-day operations, reporting back to the board.

Briggs compared the model to the Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre and the Haliburton Sculpture Forest. He said board governance would result in expanded programming, enhanced marketing and more social events.

The centre would be funded by grants from Minden Hills, the province and the federal government.

Currently, it's governed by the township's community services department. The Minden Hills Cultural Centre Advisory Committee offers feedback and suggests ideas, but isn't able to make hiring decisions, direct staff activity or implement programming changes.

"We do not believe continuing the status quo is viable and the Cultural Centre will continue to drift and will be an additional burden on the council," said Briggs.

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre



MHCCF president Neil Briggs and former board member Jack Brezina speak with Minden Hills council via Zoom April 28. Photo by Sam Gillett.

Advisory Committee has not met since November 2021 and didn't hold meetings between March 2020 and Sept. 2021. The MHCCF reports it had "no input" on the township's 2022 budget.

Mayor Brent Devolin said he supported investigating the plan further.

"I think this is the potential of a good start," he said.

Devolin said he was encouraged by the opportunities presented by Briggs and Jack Brezina, the latter who recounted a history of the gallery and Nature's Place.

Brezina said recent "turmoil" at the MHCC prompted reinvigorated support of the MHCC.

"In every challenge there are opportunities, and seizing on this moment the foundation rallied the supporters of the MHCC to explore ways to make the centre resilient and more viable."

Council voted to accept the presentation as information and requested a staff report be presented at an upcoming meeting.

"I look forward to the dialogues and where this may go," Devolin said.

After the presentation, supporters applauded from their seats behind Brezina and Briggs at Highland Hills United Church.

Briggs said he was encouraged by the council's response. "We're looking forward to working with council going forward."

Director of community services Craig Belfry said he will bring a report back to council by the end of May. He said that will involve speaking with MHCCF board members about the plan.

"There's a lot of information gathering that needs to happen over the next month," he said.

He's received emails and phone calls from people voicing concerns over the centre's future. "The municipality supports the cultural centre as it always has," Belfry said.

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre Advisory Committee is set to meet May 10 for the first time since November 2021.

The Highlander wins first place at OCNA awards

By Lisa Gervais

The Highlander scooped up five awards during the Oct. 29 Ontario Community Newspaper Association (OCNA) annual awards.

Among the haul were two of the most prestigious gongs.

The paper was named best in its circulation size for all of Ontario.

Categorized as class

four, this award was for newspapers with a circulation of 6,500 to 12,499. The local newspaper competed against *Niagara This Week*, *Fort Erie Post* and *Niagara-on-the-Lake, the Lake Report* and was judged number one.

"The Highlander is a great looking paper in general, with strong, locally relevant editorial, interesting opinion and diverse community content," the judges said.

The Highlander has won this category five of the last six years.

The other major award was for best vertical product. The judges said *Here with Colin and Justin* showed, "beautiful design and layout. A joy to turn the pages. Some heartfelt editorial and light reading, too, with excellent photography. This is a magazine that people will want to pick up and read."

Other awards included second place for the best sport section. It's the first time the paper has made the top three in that category.

The Highlander won a third place for best feature writing for a piece written by Sam Gillett, - The Loon Whisperer of Salerno Lake - with layout by former head of production Lyelca Rodrigues.

Rodrigues and the paper took third for best use of colour for a garden centre ad.

Publisher Simon Payn said, "Every week we work our socks off to make the best newspaper we can so we can serve the community and the advertisers who want to reach that community. It's wonderful to have that hard work recognized by others in our industry, and I thank our readers and advertisers for their support."



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MINDEN HILLS NEWS

Minden Hills budget a 'building block'

Minden Hills' final 2022 budget, with a levy more than 1.5 percentage points higher than 2021, aims at paving the way for a new style of budget management, said township staff.

Approved by council at an April 28 meeting, it sees taxpayers paying \$16.53 more per \$100,000 of assessed property value through a 5.5 per cent tax levy hike.

"This 2022 budget represents an initial building block to a new budget process," said new director of finance Greg Bedard.

He said the township's use of debentures to finance projects will give staff time to develop plans for use of reserve funds, and prevent extended and costly year-over-year servicing of deteriorating roadways.

CAO Trisha McKibbin said budget planning and formatting will "continue to evolve" in future years.

The 2022 budget includes \$9,835,820 allocated to capital projects in 2022.

Major projects financed through debt include the re-building of sections of Scotch Line and Bobcaygeon roads and renovating the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena's snack bar, totaling \$6,760,578.

The municipality will pay \$1,054,030 in interest fees in 2022.

"Without debenture financing ... some of

these projects would not be feasible," said Bedard.

He said that would require pay-as-you-go financing and that costs would incur at the time of construction, exceeding township coffers.

Bedard said he did not recommend drawing on Minden's reserve funds to finance such projects until staff review the township's reserve funds and policies, a process underway this year.

Other capital projects include fixing sections of the Minden boardwalk and purchasing firefighting breathing apparatus and other equipment.

Wages are set to cost taxpayers \$3,803,470, up \$116,514 from 2021. However, those fees included the wages for four unfilled new positions that Bedard said had to be included in this year's budget.

Staff benefits will rise to \$1,249,395. Operating costs including equipment servicing, gas, materials and supplies are budgeted at \$7,626,965.

Rogers proposes Ingoldsby tower

A 90-metre communication tower may be erected near the Ingoldsby Road waste transfer station site by Rogers Communications.

Minden Hills voted to agree to a potential

lease "in principle" which prompts a federally-legislated public feedback process with surrounding landowners.

Mayor Brent Devolin, a member of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network, said the project is one of approximately 40 towers to be built in Haliburton to improve internet access.

If the company decides to proceed, Rogers still must submit a site plan. Staff will report on site considerations, including possible rules limiting proximity to unused waste disposal sites, later this Spring.

"We should go ahead and negotiate this, but tuck it away in a corner so it doesn't utilize good land," said Coun. Bob Carter.

Returning to council chambers in May

Minden Hills Council will meet in the town hall for the first time in more than two years at the end of May. CAO Trisha McKibbin and the deputy clerk will join councillors while the public, staff, and media will continue to observe and participate via YouTube and Zoom videoconferencing.

Deputy mayor Lisa Schell said the fact large events are allowed without capacity limits means it makes sense to return to in-person meetings.

"We're not risking people by meeting in council chambers, in my opinion," she said.

Roads to close for special events

Devolin said requests for special event road closures is a sign "we really are getting back to business as usual."

Due to the artisans' market on Saturdays, Pritchard Lane will be closed from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. starting on June 18 to Oct. 8.

Minden Pride will host a streetfest party on Sunday, Aug. 28. It will mean closures of a portion of Water Street, from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The Minden food bank will hold a voluntary road toll Saturday, May 21 at 61 Bobcaygeon Rd. and on Water Street, near Canadian Tire.

Sweeping to start

Minden road sweeping is set to start May 9, said manager of operations Jeff Sisson. He said the work must wait until there is no chance of snow.

"We don't want to clean up the sand if we have to put any more down," he said.

Roads crews will soon be conducting work on potholes and asphalt and final grading with added calcium after the ground dries. (Minden Hills news compiled by Sam Gillett).

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Granite Shores plan moves to County

By Lisa Gervais

Granite Shore's plan to build condos on Centre Lake in Highlands East came before County council April 27.

County director of planning Steve Stone said they're applying for a draft plan of subdivision/condominium. He did not provide an analysis but said, "I will, at the direction of council, prepare a detailed analysis of the merits of the project at a later date."

Julia Redfearn of the IBI Group, representing the proponents, said the site is 2.5 km northwest of Cardiff. If approved it would have 28 freehold cottage lots, a 60-suite tourist commercial resort, one-story welcome centre, four private open space lots, a public hiking trail, highway commercial lot and road.

They have also applied to the MNRF for disposition of a 200-foot Crown land reserve but Redfearn emphasized the public would still be able to access Centre Lake if the development goes ahead with or without them getting the Crown land.

"The proposed development and associated plan of condominium are consistent with the PPS (provincial policy statement), conform to the intent of the local official plan, are viable from a technical perspective and compatible with adjacent land uses and contribute to diversifying tourism opportunities within The County of Haliburton that are ecologically sustainable," she said.

Three residents objected during the public meeting.

David Reid said it would take up most of the shoreline and he's worried about there only being privately-owned public access. He also feels what's being proposed is too large for the lake. He wanted nearby dams



Granite Shores is proposing to build on land at Centre Lake. *File.*

protected and water quality monitoring for the sake of downstream lakes, such as Paudash lake, and its fish habitat.

Mike Thomas, president of the Paudash Lake Conservation Association, tabled a report for councillors and said, "This is the beginning of what I call a cottage sprawl. As Muskoka fills and Kawartha fills, we're going to see more and more of development looking to take land and develop it."

He added the association isn't against development "but as our name says we're a conservation association. We would like to conserve and not just consume all of the developable land around."

He added peer reviews of various reports had identified a number of concerns with the applications.

He was in support of another public meeting saying he wants to hear from the

Williams Treaty First Nations.

Highlands East council has already voted against supporting an application for lot creation on a portion of Crown land abutting Centre Lake. It also voted against supporting the disposition of the 200-foot Crown land reserve.

The County of Haliburton can still vote to approve the application, however. It plans to hold a second public meeting.

COUNTY OF HALIBURTON NEWS

Ambulance service gets good report

Director of EMS at the County, Tim Waite, said they got an "excellent" ambulance service review report.

Services are audited every three years.

Waite said there was only one thing singled out as an observation or opportunity for improvement involving ambulance response times. He said they slightly missed their target for sudden cardiac arrests in 2019, and in 2020, CTAS

1 and 2. However, he said the issue no longer exists with full staffing at the Tory Hill ambulance base.

He said the service met all of its response time targets in 2021.

"All in all, a very successful review," he said.

Coun. Pat Kennedy, a former EMS chief, said it shows the public what scrutiny the service is held to. He added when it comes to sudden cardiac arrest, the service can respond in three minutes to town but can take 45 minutes to get to Kennis Lake so it throws the numbers off.

New billboards for doctors

The County has approved new billboards to try to recruit doctors.

CAO Mike Rutter said they'd used billboards in the past with mixed results and reviews.

However, he said County physician recruiter Wendy Welch had worked with a local marketing firm who suggested a couple of different billboards.

Rutter said she ran them by

representatives of the family health team and, "they really feel that they could make a difference and be effective."

Rutter said they had identified some possible locations and are working with property owners and road authorities.

Coun. Andrea Roberts said, "I think it's a great idea and I like the billboards. I think they're classy and will be eye catching." (County news compiled by Lisa Gervais).

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There's more than one issue



By Lisa Gervais

In the last couple of weeks, people have begun to speculate that single issue candidates are going to come forward in this fall's municipal elections.

Outgoing mayors Brent Devolin of Minden Hills and Carol Moffatt of Algonquin Highlands openly discussed the possibility at an April 29 County council meeting.

They aired their concerns during a discussion on the shoreline preservation bylaw. Devolin felt if the County does not adopt the bylaw, it will open the door to anti-bylaw candidates running a slate of mayors and deputy-mayors in the Oct. 24 polls. He predicted if that happens, similar to something he witnessed in Port Carling, it will be a mess.

Moffatt expressed similar concerns.

County warden Liz Danielsen said there will always be single-issue candidates.

In my six years in Haliburton County, I have not witnessed this. No doubt the shoreline preservation bylaw is polarizing. However, whether council adopts the bylaw before it ends its term or not, I believe it will be an election issue.

By that I mean, if the current council passes it, there is nothing stopping a new

council from axing it. That's politics.

While I appreciate the passion of those who have fought the bylaw, I caution them to reconsider a slate of anti-bylaw candidates, if that is in fact what is contemplated or planned.

The County and its lower-tier municipalities deal with a myriad of issues and would-be councillors have to have a general knowledge of a number of matters, not just strong opinions on one particular thing.

For example, the service delivery review and short-term rentals are hot issues at the County table. Then there is the day-to-day stuff of working with the OPP, emergency services including ambulances and firefighting, recreation, parks, cemeteries, landfills, sewer and water, a raft of social services, such as housing, and the list goes on and on.

I would hazard a guess that mayors are working full-time and most councillors part-time, at least 20 hours a week. I say that because I read council agendas and their sometimes hundreds of pages of reports for each and every council meeting. It's one thing to run because you are disgruntled at something. It is a completely different

matter to do the actual job and do it well.

The role of a councillor involves not seeing things as black and white. It is about relationship building and compromising to get a result that is as close to what you want as you can get.

For voters, the allure of a single-issue candidate may be strong. They may be willing to ignore a host of other issues to get their candidate across the line.

But I would argue that using your vote to push a single issue is irresponsible because it does not allow for compromise. It also means a number of other issues may be ignored.

I believe single-issue voting ends up being detrimental in the long run.

A broader consideration of a wide variety of political issues may allow for better-informed and more effective voting.

And that's what we need in Haliburton County right now, not divisive single-issue politics.

EleXion files

Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County (CCHC) is offering a series of articles in advance of the provincial election on June 2.

What matters most to you?

You would think that the major political parties would want the electorate to know what they stand for only four weeks until election day. I went to their websites to find out. Here is what I found. (At time of writing).

The Green Party is pretty clear about its vision: It focuses on three pillars: jobs, people, planet. "Our goal is to build on the work people like you are already doing in your community, working to make positive change, overcoming social barriers and improving the health of each other and our planet. Working together, we can build a future for our province that is good for us now and for generations to come." Links take you to pages that expand on each of the three pillars.

The Liberal party's headline on their

homepage is Help Defeat Doug Ford.

"We're working every day to bring strong leadership back to Ontario – and we need your support now. We can't let Doug Ford continue to play politics with the lives of Ontarians." This isn't a platform but we are learning about pieces of the platform by announcements. On April 26, they announced their plan to revolutionize elder care, including increasing support for seniors to age at home, and ending for-profit long-term care. They will increase supports for healthcare workers, including raising PSW base pay to \$25 an hour.

The New Democratic Party's tagline is Strong. Ready. Working for you. Their platform is entitled They broke it, we'll fix it. They main issues as they see them, include: fixing our healthcare system; home care and long-term care, and helping Ontarians age in place; fixing education and schools; climate, jobs, justice: The Green New Democratic Deal; honouring the inherent rights of Indigenous Peoples; and fixing Ontario's social safety net.

The Progressive Conservatives' tagline is Let's Get It Done." This doesn't tell us much about what the party stands for.

What is the it? There is no link to a party platform. Until April 29, the homepage described financial rewards: free vehicle stickers, a temporary cut in gas and fuel taxes and a rise in the minimum hourly wage to \$15.50 (post-election).

On April 28, the PCs presented a budget which looks like the basis of an election platform. "Ontario's Plan to Build - a plan for better jobs and bigger paycheques, building highways, transit and hospitals, and lower costs for families."

All four parties are focusing on many of the same issues. Where they differ is how they propose to address those issues. Which party is taking the long view? Which party is addressing the climate crisis? Which party will work to protect the vulnerable, and make Ontario a fairer province?

I encourage you to do your own research before you cast your vote. You have to decide what matters most to you.

By Carolyn Coburn

Next week: The last article in the series, by Greg Roe, entitled, Why Vote?

You can contact CCHC on Facebook or by email at info@concernedcitizenshc@gmail.com.

A story in the April 28 Highlander, Voters have a six-pack to choose from, said Thomas Rhyno ran as an independent in the 2018 election. In fact, he ran for the None of the Above party. *The Highlander* apologizes for the error.

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Editorial opinion

LETTER

CN Cycle for CHEO

Dear editor,

I would like to thank Sam Gillet and *The Highlander* for the article on my participation in the above event May 1 in Ottawa.

At the start of the event, we were told the participation level in 2022 was the highest ever and the overall goal of raising one-million had been surpassed by \$400,000. There were 4,414 people or groups involved in the fundraiser. The support that I received totalled \$1,375.

CHEO notified me this produced a ranking of 72 out of 4,414. This generated a special moment when I was checking in on Saturday. There were about 30 people in the room and all the volunteers doing the check-in were busy. As my entry was being verified there was a loud outburst of cheering and clapping. My volunteer told me it was to celebrate the achievement of someone who had raised over \$1,000.

She then promptly stood up and announced she had another one and I received loud cheers and much hand clapping. My face became very flushed and a couple of tears made it down my cheek. Donors, those cheers were for you.

My contribution was to come on Sunday. With three kilometres remaining in the 70 km ride we were on Sussex and preparing for the transition to Wellington when we were serenaded by a group of volunteers singing "You are the champions". Then I got to hear the church bells chiming.

This is the first time I have tried to solicit donations for a charity event. It has been a humbling experience and far exceeded my expectations. Thank you all for making this a special weekend for me.

Peter McLuskey
Eagle Lake

Music by The Gull

Dear editor,

For weeks, months, even years now, I've waited patiently for a musical revival down by the riverside.

Oh, Minden may still have music on summer Friday nights, but I will have to leave the old village for the fairgrounds to hear it. It will make life more efficient and put cars back on Water Street on summer Friday evenings. Or so I'm told.

All that will be lost is what made those evenings special, almost Leacockian, immersed in the life of a village, the life of my village. Evenings that would fit into Stephen Leacock's Sunshine Sketches.

I unfold my chair and set it in the space Jim and Ghalina saved for me and listen to the music as I watch the cars drift by on Main Street. More traffic behind me, geese and humans paddling down the river.

I listen to Gord or to Trina, remember Zoe or George. Watch a young woman pull an old man out of his chair to join the dancers prancing on the pavement.

Watch a merchant pause for a few licks

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Mike Young sent in this photo of a woodpecker nesting near Carnarvon.

on the ice cream cone he just bought across the bridge, watch him listen to a few guitar licks by Jeff, then head back to his store.

A night out within walking distance if you live in town. Two visitors push a stroller through this unexpected dance party and stop to listen, perhaps to wonder what's going on. A pre-schooler is up, trying the Texas two-step on his own.

A breeze cools the evening and sunlight turns to twilight, but I don't want to refold my chair and go home. I don't want Music by The Gull to ever end, but evidently it has. That makes me sad.

Neil Campbell
Minden

Snack bar for Minden arena

Dear editor,

Instead of spending \$300,000-plus to refit the snack bar at the new Minden arena, we allowed food trucks to rent a spot outside to service the mass crowds at the arena.

Just try this first before spending \$300,000-plus.

Maybe some of it could serve other ratepayers' needs with the money saved. Just an idea.

Charles Gerditschke
Moore Lake

COVID CORNER

Children and COVID

Moderna recently asked Health Canada to approve its COVID-19 vaccine for children between six months and five years. If approved, it would be the first COVID-19 vaccine for children under five in Canada. This population has remained vulnerable long after adults and older children have been offered immunization protection. Vaccines for this young group come as we are seeing far more contagious Omicron variants tear through the population.

Research published in JAMA Pediatrics confirms the Omicron variant causes more upper airway infections in children compared to previous COVID variants. The percentage of children hospitalized with an upper airway infection rose from 1.5 per cent pre-omicron to 4.1 per cent after omicron, and over 20 per cent of the hospitalized children developed severe disease requiring intensive medical treatment. These children were at higher risk of heart attacks and other severe or long-term complications.

A study funded by the CDC to evaluate vaccine effectiveness showed Pfizer vaccines successfully protect children and adolescents against the Omicron variant

(NEJM, March). Pulling data from 31 pediatric hospitals across 23 U.S. states, this study found that Pfizer vaccination reduced the risk of Omicron-associated hospitalization by two-thirds among children five to 11 years.

In Ontario, in the general population aged 12 and older, 91.1 per cent are fully vaccinated (92.9 per cent have one dose). For children aged five to 11, first dose coverage is 56 per cent with only 34.5 per cent fully vaccinated. Yet vaccines are available and recommended for kids.

Currently, Canadian children aged five to 11 are eligible to receive the paediatric Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. Canada's National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) recommends eight weeks between first and second dose. If 12 to 17 years old, you can schedule your booster dose (Pfizer) 168 days after a second dose. Some immunocompromised children can get a third dose 56 days after their second. Immune impaired youth 12 to 17 years old can get a fourth dose 168 days after third dose.

A small non peer-reviewed study by Pfizer of 140 children who received a booster

six months after their second shot showed a sixfold increase in antibody levels one month after receiving the booster, compared with antibody levels one month after their second dose. Blood samples from a subgroup of 30 children with a booster showed 36 times the level of neutralizing antibodies against the Omicron variant compared with levels after only two doses.

Children and youth can get their vaccine by booking through the online COVID-19 vaccination portal or by calling 1-833-943-3900, seven days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. You can also contact the local public health unit or select pharmacies. Additional resources: COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Youth, Kids Health First, Max the Vax, SickKids: COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Service, Children's Health Coalition – Vaccine Confidence campaign.

While vaccines help schools and families stay safe, testing is also important, especially with more contagious variants. One study examined optimal testing strategies to reduce infections. They found that weekly testing of 75 per cent of the unvaccinated students plus testing anyone with symptoms reduced cases by 34 per

cent in primary schools and 36 per cent in secondary schools, compared with testing just symptomatic students.

Research at the University of Ottawa shows that children are responsible for one-third of household COVID transmissions.

Researchers advise to keep schools safe and open during COVID-19 we need vaccination coverage with boosters, and regular strict testing protocols.

Faster and friendlier testing methods are coming. The FDA approved emergency use authorization to a COVID-19 breathalyzer. The size of carry-on luggage, the InspectIR has results in less than three minutes and can be used in doctor's offices, hospitals and mobile testing sites. One machine analyzes 160 samples per day. Tested on 2,409 individuals both with and without symptoms of COVID, it identified 91 per cent of positive samples and 99 per cent of negative samples correctly.



By Dr. Nell Thomas

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Highlander news

Government expert says Scott a shoe-in

By Lisa Gervais

With Ontario's Lieutenant Governor issuing writs for a general election June 2, a municipal government expert predicts Laurie Scott will be returned handily as the member for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

Zachary Spicer is an associate professor in the school of public policy and administration at York University.

He said Scott's family name - she is the daughter of the late Bill Scott, who was the federal Progressive Conservative member for 28 years - has helped her to have served five terms thus far. She was first elected in 2003, and only missed two years when her decision to resign to allow leader John Tory to run, backfired and put the Liberals in for two years.

"The family name definitely has a bit of resonance up there," said Spicer. "And along with having a family name comes pretty extensive contacts, supporters, fundraisers, things like that."

He said getting an election machine up and running is hard but Scott already has a well-oiled one. He said the riding association is established and it gives her a decided edge. Add to that the fact that people who continue to support her likely supported her father and it

results in a huge advantage.

"Staying in power is really about activating all of those contacts, making sure all of them are mobilizing their own personal network. So, I think the family name obviously helps but the family contacts and family network does as well," the professor said.

Spicer added that political parties "essentially do triage." He said when they have safe ridings they don't do much. They don't send money, resources and leaders. For that very reason, he said other parties, such as the Liberals and NDP, are unlikely to devote much attention to Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock because they know their chances of winning are miniscule.

He said ridings within a seven to eight percentage point race are considered winnable. Here, Scott beat her nearest competitor by about 30 per cent in 2018.

"So, they tend to not deploy resources out to ones they feel are a bit of a long shot," Spicer said.

As a result, he said the PC party will get Scott to the 10-yard-line and she just has to do enough work to get over the line. However, the other party candidates will have 40 to 50 yards to run, he said.

With those parties not putting

money and resources into the area, "since they have not won this riding, really without a John Tory anomaly, for 30 years, they're not going to start to put money there but they're not going to change the result until they put the money there." He said the result is other parties' riding associations "atrophy."

Asked whether being dropped from Cabinet would have any effect on Scott's re-election hopes, he said it would not. Scott was dropped as minister of labour in 2021.

He said people are dropped from Cabinet for a number of reasons. He said it could be political, to boost the profile of other MPPs, or simply a personality clash with the premier or other members of cabinet.

Asked about the riding when Scott eventually retires, Spicer sees no reason it will change its colours.

"I think with or without her, the PCs would probably pick it up. But without her, the PCs probably wouldn't just dominate anyone ... they would have to pick someone with a bit of a political history with the riding, such as a local mayor or county councillor or councillor or someone like that ... someone who has a bit of a profile of their own would probably be selected as the candidate."



Top: Zachary Spicer. Bottom: Laurie Scott. File.

Moffatt says shoreline should be a 'bad apple' bylaw

Continued from page 1

portfolio, and provide public education this summer about shoreline health.

She said she would vote 'no' to the bylaw not because she disagrees with it but because she is not ready to pass a bylaw at the end of the term when it appears four councillors will not be running for re-election. Devolin, Roberts and Coun. Carol Moffatt have all announced they are

not running.

Moffatt said she harboured similar fears to Devolin.

"There's already talk out there ... the anti-shoreline people are going to overturn council and rule the world." She said it would be, "the worst possible thing to the progress of the last 20 years not in just this one item but across all sectors and fronts of the work that has been done and achieved so I think everybody needs to be well

aware of the danger of one issue candidates should they come forward."

However, she said she didn't want to make a decision on the bylaw just because there's an election coming.

"We will never satisfy the people who are simply just mad about it, but they can't articulate why and we'll never capture the bad apples who are going to do what they're going to do no matter what we do or don't put in place," she said.

"I almost feel like it should be a bad apple bylaw. For the average property owner and the majority of contractors, this bylaw won't even touch their lives and people are continuing to misbelieve that they're going to have to take down their bunkie and remove their fire pit, and their kids can't play on the shoreline. It's all nonsense. I don't know where that stuff comes from. It's all been really frustrating."



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Highlander health



HHHS says no decisions have been made about County emergency departments. *File.*

HEALTH NEWS

HHHS emergency department update

In response to community concerns, Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) said on April 29 that no decision has been made about which emergency department might need to close or reduce services as a result of staffing shortages. It added no target date has been set for an emergency department closure or service reduction.

President and CEO Carolyn Plummer said since first announcing the impact of staffing shortages on HHHS in November 2021, the organization has been hard at work to keep both departments open, while exploring options and alternatives.

She added this has included: accessing provincial programs to fund recruitment of internationally-educated nurses and nursing students, and working with Ontario Health to identify other recruitment strategies; engaging in virtual career fairs to attract nursing students and new graduates; enhancing the organization's social media presence; hiring a dedicated recruiter to work on other recruitment activities; meeting with municipal leaders to identify possible collaborations and ways to support recruitment and current staff/physician retention; collaborating with the Haliburton County physician recruitment coordinator and focusing on retention by supporting education opportunities for staff, expanding scopes of practice, upgrading and expanding technology, engaging with staff to improve practices, creating a professional practice leader/educator role to support the onboarding of new staff and professional development of the current team, as well as supporting the work of the staff wellness committee and its efforts to address stress, burnout, and well-being.

"The fact that both emergency departments have remained open so far is a testament to the incredible dedication and commitment shown by our local teams, as well as the staffing support we have received from agency nursing staff and HealthForce Ontario Emergency Department Locum Program physicians," said Plummer.

"Though this is a very challenging situation to manage, HHHS will remain focused on our mandate of delivering essential, high-quality health services to the residents, cottagers, and visitors of Haliburton County and the surrounding area."

More COVID clinics

The health unit has announced more COVID-19 clinics for Haliburton County.

Fourth doses are now recommended for everyone 60 years and older, as well as First Nation, Inuit and Metis individuals and their non-Indigenous household members age 18-plus. There must be five months, or 140 days, since the third dose.

Local residents can get COVID-19 vaccines in a number of ways:

Book at a clinic in Haliburton by visiting the online provincial booking system or calling 1-833-943-3900. There will be some dates at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

The GO-VAXX bus will be coming to the County in May and June. For a current list of health unit-led clinics and GO-VAXX stops, visit hkpr.on.ca or call 1-866-888-4577, ext. 5020.

Many local pharmacies and primary care providers continue to offer COVID-19 vaccines, including fourth doses to those who are eligible. The health unit is still advising: washing hands with soap and water, staying home if sick, coughing/sneezing into sleeves and vaccines.

COVID-19 outbreak at Haliburton Hospital

On April 28, the HKPR district health unit declared a COVID-19 outbreak in the In-patient department of the Haliburton Hospital.

There were three confirmed asymptomatic patient cases.

As a result, all in-patient department patients were isolated, the department closed to further admissions, visitors limited to those receiving end-of-life care and volunteers restricted from entering the department.

In a release, HHHS said although it was already maintaining important infection prevention and control measures, including mandatory masking, vaccination, regular surveillance testing, and screening before entry, enhanced cleaning will now be done in the department and staff will monitor themselves for symptoms.

The emergency department was unaffected and community members told to not hesitate to seek assistance.

Funding injection for HHHS

HHHS will receive an additional \$200,000 from the province this year to help fund the services' operating budget.

"This additional operating funding will help support high-quality and timely access to local health care services," said MPP Laurie Scott in a media release May 2.

Plummer said "...HHHS appreciates the support of the Province of Ontario, Ministry of Health, and Ontario Health East in helping to address some of the increasing operating pressures we are facing." (Health news compiled by Lisa Gervais)



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Highlands Buckslide Blues Society blasts off

The B&B Blues Band thundered into the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavillion April 28 to spread the word about the Highlands Buckslide Blues Society's ongoing contest for young blues musicians. (Sam Gillett).

Top left & right: Youngest B&B Blues Band member Patrick Fockler shreds through a solo. Bottom: The B&B Blues Band - Randy Brethour, Patrick Fockler, Billy J. Campbell, Gord Barnes and Danny Sandford. Photos by Sam Gillett.

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Notice of Fee By-Law Amendments

Dysart et al Council, at their May 24, 2022 meeting, will be considering changes to By-Law 2022-33, being a by-law to impose fees and charges.

A fee structure is being proposed to address recommendations through the County of Haliburton Service Delivery Review process. The proposed fee by-law includes several updates, including a tiered fee structure to recognize and apply separate fees for major versus minor development applications.

The tiered fee structure applies to zoning by-law amendments, official plan amendments, site plan agreements and minor variance applications.

Further information on these fee changes will be available on <https://www.dysartetal.ca/>.

Jeff Iles, Director of Planning and Land Information

TheHighlander

It's what everyone's reading

Highlander arts



Local writers Melissa Tong, Amanda Lytle and Andrea Salvatori will have work published in a collection of stories about living authentically. *Submitted.*

Writers find sharing stories ‘empowering’

By Sam Gillett

Three Highlanders are sharing their journeys toward living authentically in an upcoming short story anthology.

Melissa Tong, Amanda Lytle and Andrea Salvatori will be featured in *She Lives Her Truth: a collection of stories and lessons from resilient women on their journey towards trusting their inner knowing.*

Lytle, who hosts Safe Haven podcast in Minden, is the lead author of the book, published by GCW Publishing House. Lytle brought together 13 women from across Canada to share stories of inner growth.

Lytle was an author in a previous book, *She Moves Mountains*, and said she found the process of sharing her story “empowering.”

In *She Lives her Truth*, Lytle wrote about her journey learning about co-dependency.

“It has had me feeling super exposed, super vulnerable. It’s kind of like practice what I preach,” she said.

Being able to gather women together to write about their lives and lessons learned, said Lytle, is an extension of her passion for fostering community.

“I love genuine heart-to-heart connection,” she said.

Tong said throughout her life “there was

consistent theme of not fitting in and living to my truth: who I am authentically.”

Her story is about growing up as the “black sheep” in her family, realizing she can be who she wants to be, not who her family or society expect her to be.

“I think it’s really powerful to share our stories authentically,” said Tong. “We’ve gotten away from storytelling as a culture.”

She said being published has been a longtime goal.

“I never read a book in high school. I struggled with English [class] and writing essays. To be able to write 4,000 words and articulate my story is a huge accomplishment in itself.”

Salvatori said she struggled to know what to write about at first. She decided to dive into her past.

“It was kind of a very hard time in my life I had already gone through and processed,” she said.

Salvatori said she hasn’t quite processed what it means for personal experiences to be out in public.

For her, living her truth means “to listen to those gut feelings. To listen to and also have the courage and drive to follow through.”

For copies of *She Lives Her Truth*, contact Melissa Tong (melissa.tong@icloud.com) or Andrea Salvatori (andrea.salvatori@live.ca)

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Highlander people

Businesswoman was 'ahead of her time'

By Sam Gillett

Sitting down with Joan Ward for a game of bridge or poker usually meant a couple of things.

First, she'd likely win. Second, the conversation would continue long after the last cards were dealt.

"She could talk a leg off a chair," said Ward's son Christopher Ward. He said she was a "damn good" card player too.

Joan Ward passed away March 30 after a long life running businesses and getting to know just about everyone in Haliburton County.

She took over the Wigamog Inn in 1967 with her husband Arthur (who passed away in 2021), making it a destination for vacationers and young teens looking for a supportive summer work environment.

"She was a mentor to a lot of different people at the resort," Christopher said. She demanded punctuality and hard work from her employees, but always had time to chat or hear their stories.

Daughter Kimberly Ward-Grossman remembered Ward as an employer who was a "big proponent of young people developing, she took great interest in her employees who were away from home from young ages."

She said her mother's independence and shrewd business skill was "ahead of her time" in an age where men were still

viewed as more competent business owners.

While her parents ran the Inn together, "she did make it a success, she was the genius behind the marketing," Kimberly said.

Christopher remembers how Joan could "capture a room" when telling stories or, on many occasions, performing for guests at the Wigamog's variety show.

Past employees and guests of the Wigamog have posted more than 50 comments about Ward's life and impact on a "Wigamog Inn Alumni" Facebook group.

Barb Bolin, who served as Fleming College's Haliburton dean from 1972-2008, said Ward "set a different standard for food, service and decor" at the Inn. She suspects Ward's influence on Wigamog influenced future lodges and inns around the County. As an avid supporter of the arts and a sculptor, Ward volunteered her time at the college and became close friends with Bolin.

"I love to tell jokes, and Joan could tell them right back," Bolin said.

Ward also purchased Country Rose Garden Centre from close friend Brenda Ripley, lending a hand to longtime staff but mostly letting the store run as Ripley had intended.

"We had a good working relationship," said Joanne Nichols, who still works at Country Rose.

Nichols remembers Ward's razor-sharp sense of humour and care for customers and their stories.

"She was very interested in the private lives of her customers," Nichols said.

Nichols said she saw a "soft side" to Ward that many might not have seen. She often observed Ward trying to "connect the dots" between customers and people she might have known. That's a habit Kimberly noticed too. Her mother had a keen interest in people's stories; where they came from, who they knew.

Kimberly and Christopher said she taught them to keep a tight ledger. "Count the pennies, the dollars will take care of themselves," Kimberley remembers her saying.

Christopher said he often thinks about the way his mother's attitude about life impacted his own.

"Anytime I think about my own community and my circle of friends, I look to my parents and my mom as the people who taught me the value of friendship," Christopher said.

In Ward's obituary, the family wrote that "charitable donations can be made to your local cancer agency as her secondhand smoke has affected many. Her humour will be missed, her style sense will forever be remembered and her poker pot remains hidden."



Joan Ward (centre) with friends at a Wigamog Inn poker table in the early 90s. Submitted.



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Making dreams come true a student at a time

By Mike Baker

Haliburton resident Jenn Abbott is making dreams come true again this summer, ensuring that all local high school seniors have the chance to graduate in style.

For the past eight years, Abbott has offered students free outfits to don at convocation. The initiative, labelled Make Dreams Come True, has been popular, with hundreds of students benefitting since its inception.

“I know what it’s like trying to buy something nice for graduation. You either have to go out of town, or buy something online... And it can get very expensive,” Abbott said. “I saw this as a way for the community to come together, pay it forward and put smiles on some kids’ faces.”

It’s been a group effort, Abbott is keen to point out. All of the items she gives away have previously been donated to her by people in the community.

And it isn’t just clothing, Abbott also prepares a goodie bag for the students, including jewelry, makeup and sunglasses. There are options for both men and women.

Abbott has also partnered with a handful of local businesses to add a little sparkle to graduates’ big day. Hairdressers and barbers in the area have agreed to donate their time to give youth a fresh new do, while photographer Chantal Smith is offering free photo sessions for graduates and their family.

While the service is offered free of charge,

Abbott said it shouldn’t be seen as charity.

“This is literally available to any student, no matter their background. This isn’t only for those who maybe can’t afford it,” Abbott said. “The goal here is just to give back, and help make this occasion as special as possible.”

Demand has increased in the past two years, largely due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Abbott said she had to change the way she operated, transitioning to a model where grads would send photos of what they were looking for in a dress or suit, and Abbott would go searching through her stock and try to find a match. She found that way worked well, and will be sticking to it again this year.

Students will be able to take outfits and accessories home to try on.

“Whatever they like, they keep. Anything they don’t like can be returned,” Abbott said.

So far, nine students have reached out this year. Abbott said she’ll be taking requests until the beginning of June. Anyone interested can contact her at 705-286-0906, or by messaging the Make Dreams Come True group on Facebook.

“I think this is a program that really needed to be started, and I’m very happy with what we’ve been able to do over the past eight years,” Abbott said. “This year is especially exciting, because our students are going to have a graduation ceremony again, which is fantastic.”



Jenn Abbott has been offering free graduation outfits since 2015. Submitted.

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Highlander sports

The beautiful game returns to Dysart

By Sam Gillett

Kathy Judson rarely lives anywhere long without playing in, or starting up, a soccer league.

While in Windsor, England and France, the fitness trainer and holistic nutritionist found a way to hit the field with like-minded women.

Now Judson is helping start leagues for women and kids in Dysart et al.

When she moved to the Highlands with her family, she was disappointed with the limited options for her or her daughters to play near their home in Highlands East. The Haliburton Soccer Club shut down in 2020.

"It's the missing puzzle piece in the town of Haliburton. Every great town needs a youth soccer league and I'm excited to help create that opportunity for my kids," she said.

Judson is the driving force behind Haliburton Grassroots Athletics, a new association running two soccer leagues in 2022.

The kids' league will start at age four up to age 12 and play Thursday nights at 6 p.m. from June 30 to Sept. 1 with no long weekend play.

She's also hoping to start a women's league for those 18 and older.

In her experience, co-ed leagues result in fewer playing opportunities for

women as games become dominated by men.

"This opens an opportunity for women of all levels to get out on the field and even learn the sport."

Judson guesses the league will grow over time but she hopes to field at least two teams this year.

"It becomes about a female community at a certain point. It becomes a safe space for women to come together and sweat," she said. "But it takes time to build that."

Judson said "women's sports, in general, are not getting the attention they deserve and need more funding. It helps [remind women that] 'yeah I might not be a professional soccer player but I love to play. Why not play again?'"

The women's league will run June 26 to Sept. 18 with no long weekend play, starting at 5 p.m.

Game locations are yet to be announced.

Dysart et al will handle registration and supply equipment, but Judson said the leagues are in need of volunteer coaches and referees.

Registration for both leagues is \$100.

For more information or to register, visit dysartet.al.ca.

To volunteer contact Judson at Kathy@sweat-bank.com



Kathy Judson, a fitness trainer and holistic nutritionist, is organizing two soccer leagues in Dysart et al. Photo by Sam Gillett.

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Highlander sports



A return of sticks and stones

In a dimly-lit Minden Curling Club, members sip beverages and snack on sausages after a few hours out on the rink. Two guitarists set up to strum tunes. Observing the scene, club president Robert Peacock said, “Our membership is largely older people. They want the camaraderie, the socialization.”

At the Haliburton Curling Club, Kent Milford said “We pledged to people we’ll keep them as safe as possible, but still allow for a positive curling experience.”

On the ice, experienced curlers and those new to the sport slide rocks side-by-side while coffee carafes are kept warm in the clubroom upstairs.

In Wilberforce, the club announced their year-end banquet before curlers hit the ice. While the club, like all the others, has had to continually change plans and even cancel curling sessions, they’ve maintained a proud tradition of community service; in February donating another \$1,000 to the school’s snack program.

While bonspiels won’t return until fall 2022, curlers across the County had the ingredients for a successful season: friendship, ice and stones to throw. (Sam Gillett).

Top left: Wilberforce club president Gord Fitch and Art Bergie sweep with all their might. Top right: Haliburton club president Kent Milford checks out the action. Middle left: Curlers watch as a stone nears the target in Haliburton. Middle right: Minden’s curling club is a social hub. Bottom: Minden-based North of Seven played a show for curlers after the games Mar. 4. Photos by Sam Gillett.





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GM and coach Ryan Ramsay looks on as the Cougars defeat the Huskies April 20.
Photo by Lisa Gervais.

No rest as Huskies begin building for 2022-2023

By Lisa Gervais

Although the locker room has been cleared out and the end-of-year executive meetings held, the Haliburton County Huskies are already turning their heads to the upcoming 2022-2023 Ontario Junior Hockey League season.

General manager and coach Ryan Ramsay reflected on 2021-2022 shortly after the Cobourg Cougars ended the Dogs' inaugural run in the County April 20.

"It was a good group. We were together every single day. You never really find that in Junior A hockey," he said.

"We just wish the guys that are graduating nothing but the best. We told them they're a special group. They'll always be welcome here. They can always hold close to their hearts what they've done for the County and what they've done for the team. It's pretty amazing."

Ramsay commented on the atmosphere, not just in the rink, but around the Highlands.

"I think it is something special. For the little kids to have role models to look up to. And those guys did an excellent job when they were in the community and representing the Huskies. They're just fine young men."

Departing the Huskies are defensemen Nathan Porter, Simon Rose and Noah Van Vliet, netminder Christian Cicigoi, and forwards Payton Schaly and Oliver Tarr. Ramsay expects a few more may leave, asking for trades or quitting hockey to go to school.

The Dogs will hold a rookie camp in

late May in Toronto. They will likely sign some players from that and invite others to training camp in late August. June 1 is also free agency day in which there are player moves.

"So, obviously we're looking to get better," Ramsay said.

That said, he had no complaints about this year. The Huskies had a record of 33 wins, 16 losses, one tie and four overtime losses in 54 games to finish third in the tough East division with 71 points. They beat the Trenton Golden Hawks in the first round of the playoffs.

"If you look at the whole season as a big picture, we couldn't have asked for it to go better other than a fairytale ending of a championship," Ramsay said.

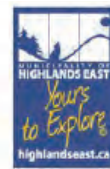
"Right from day one, people were buying our merchandise at the Foodlands, season ticket holders to sponsorships that went way above and beyond what we expected."

He said the fan support, amid a COVID-restricted hockey season, stood out.

"The fans were just nothing short of amazing. They came every game. It was the same people, some getting there two hours before the game because that was their lucky seat ... doing their thing just to support us."

"We went on the road for the playoffs and there were a couple of hundred fans." The Huskies regularly sold out with about 450 spectators. "No one else has that," Ramsay said.

"Everything was great. Obviously from the GM side, we're just trying to build another team, to get going and further what we did this year."



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Highlander sports



The Haliburton Red Wolves will be running golf, bocce and softball this summer, with curling and bowling pencilled in for winter. *File.*

Red Wolves foster special spirit among athletes

By Mike Baker

The Haliburton Red Wolves are on the prowl this spring, searching for some new athletes to welcome into their pack.

The local Special Olympics group is moving ahead full-throttle into its 2022 season. After two years of pandemic-related restrictions, organizers are excited to open things up again in the coming months.

“Getting back to normal, I think, is a huge thing for us as an organization, but especially so for our athletes,” said Yvette Brauer, program coordinator with the Red Wolves. “We’ve still been able to hold some events, but the introduction of all of the safety measures made it difficult sometimes for our athletes to interact. It will be nice

for them to be able to gather with their friends again.”

The group is running five sports this year – curling, bowling, golf, bocce and softball. The curling season ended in March and will start up again in the winter, while bowling runs until the end of May.

Currently, the Red Wolves have 35 registered athletes. Brauer said she’s actively looking for more that are keen on trying some outdoor sports this summer.

Golf has been a Red Wolves staple since 2012, while bocce and softball are newer additions.

“Our outdoor sports are always a ton of fun, and it gives our athletes an opportunity to be active and get outdoors and get some

fresh air. Golf has been pretty popular since we launched 10 years ago, and bocce was really great last year. I’ve been telling people, if you like bowling, then you’ll love bocce,” Brauer said.

While most of the sports can operate with minimal participants, softball requires at least 10 players per game.

Most sports are free for registered athletes to play – only bowling carries any sort of fee. Equipment and uniform are typically provided by Special Olympics.

After watching her son, Trevor, thrive while participating in Red Wolves programming over the years, Brauer said she highly recommends anyone in Haliburton County with intellectual or

physical disabilities to give it a go.

“It’s just a great atmosphere. Our athletes develop real bonds, real relationships... It’s quite the sight seeing them all get together and having fun,” Brauer said. “The more athletes we have, the more we’re able to do and the more fun everyone has... The isolation we’ve all been through the past couple of years hasn’t been nice for anyone, but especially not for our athletes. They’re just delighted to be around their friends again... Hopefully, this year, our pack can grow and more people can learn about the amazing things Special Olympics has to offer.”

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May 7

The third annual Jump in the Lake Challenge at 2 p.m. This year's goal is \$100,000 for The Summit Wellness Centre in the Northern Kawartha Lakes. To join the challenge as a participant or donor visit: kawarthalakeside.com/challenge

May 8

Friends of the Rail Trail hosts its regular Sunday Rambles every Sunday at 11 a.m. This week, Francis Road, off Sedgwick Road, for Mother's Day. For more info: call/text 705-457-4767 pamela.marsales@gmail.com

May 12

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Keith Stata is reopening Highlands Cinemas May 6. *File*

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Saturday, August 20, 2022	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Harcourt Landfill	1123 Packard Road, Harcourt
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Saturday, October 8, 2022	1 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Maple Lake Landfill	1302 McPhail Road, Algonquin Highlands
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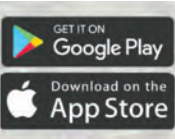
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Passed away at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on March 28, 2022 with his family by his side, at the age of 71.

Dear father of Rob (Karen) Ackerblade of Red Deer, Alberta, Dave (Cindy) Ackerblade of Kinmount, Ontario, loving grandfather of Brody, Brock, Brett, Britney, Wyatt and Emily. Dear brother of Shirley Warder and Lloyd (Bonny) Ackerblade. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends.

In keeping with Bob's wishes, cremation has a taken place. A Memorial Service to celebrate Bob's life will held at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Saturday, May 28, 2022 at 12:00 o'clock noon. Reception to follow in Monk-Cray Family Centre at the Funeral Home. Interment at St. Stephen's Cemetery.

Memorial Donations to the Minden Community Food Centre would be appreciated by the family.



In Loving Memory of Diane Pratt (nee Sutherland)

Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizen Home, Minden on Wednesday April 27, 2022 with her family at her side. In her 79th year.

Beloved wife of the late Fred (2017). Dear mother of Dave (Shelley), Doug (Lynn), Don (Liz), and Duane (Tracey). Loving grandma of Nathan, Brittany, Stephanie, Gregory, Jason, Jimmy (Denise), Robert (Susan), Coral (Ken), Skylar and great grandma of Daimen, Emma, Izabel, Luke, Logan, Tyler, Clara and Wesley. Dear sister of Frances, Marie (deceased), Ken (deceased), Harry (deceased), Joe, and Gary. Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, family and friends. The family would like to thank the staff at Hyland Crest for the amazing care and friendship they offered to Diane over the years.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 from 11:00 am until the time of Service to Celebrate Diane's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow at the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Interment at the Minden Cemetery. The family has requested that all attendees wear facial coverings at the visitation, funeral service and reception.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Service Foundation (HHHSF-Hyland Crest Residents Council) would be appreciated by the family.



In Loving Memory of Madeline Marion Peacock 1931 - 2022

Passed away peacefully at Highland Wood LTC, Haliburton on Monday, January 31, 2022.

She is predeceased by her husband Bill (2014). Mother of Marilyn Wagg (Doug) and Murray (Diane-deceased). Grandmother of Steven Wagg (Patricia), Ron Wagg (Kelly), Michael Peacock (Natalie), Aaron Peacock, Jordan Peacock (Madeline) and great grandmother of Kaela, Lucas, Bronwyn, Adele, Melissa Wagg and Garrett, Eli, Brayden, Callie and Thomas Peacock. Predeceased by her siblings Scott, Emmy, Iva, Andy, Mildred, Ira and Margarite.

To celebrate Madeline's Life, a graveside committal service and interment will be held at the Glamorgan Cemetery, Gooderham on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow at the Robert McCausland Community Centre, Gooderham.

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In Loving Memory of Mary Ellen Graham "Gamm"

Aged 83 years, passed peacefully on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 with her loving family by her side.

Her spirit is carried on by her daughter Terry (husband Bart); Grandchildren: Maren (husband Jodi); Children: Jaden, Connor, Ginny, and Jimmy); and Nolan (wife Laura); Children: Evelyn and Desmond); Sisters: Gwen, June, Barbara, and Donna; Brothers: Ross, Ron, Merle, Cecil, Gordon, and Grant; and many in-laws, nieces, nephews, friends and family too numerous to list, but not forgotten. Pre-deceased by her sister Shirley.

At Mary's request, there will be no funeral or service. Instead, friends and loved ones are asked to make Memorial Donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation, or to the Canadian Cancer Society.

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In Loving Memory of John Angus Precoor

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Loving husband of Dianne Precoor (nee Treen) celebrated 55 amazing years. (January 7th, 2022).

Loving Dad and best friend of sons Jeff and wife Kelly (Stanfield) Oshawa, Jason of Gelert, Ontario.

Survived by his much loved grandchildren, Vanessa, Keegan, Cassidy, Kieran and Jacob, his much loved great grandchildren, Natalie, Maverick, Tierney and Bryson.

Dear brother of Alex, Lorraine, Mabel, Clarence, Christena, Judy, Bonny and Susan.

Survived by his many sister-in-laws, brother-in-laws, (nieces, nephews, great and great, great nieces and nephews) and cousins.

Pre-deceased by his parents Gordon and Christena Precoor (nee MacLeod), brothers, Frank and Wayne, sisters, Shirley and infant Margaret.

Thank you will never be enough words to all the Healthcare Doctors, Nurses and their staff, Brooklin Medical Centre, Lakeridge Health Oshawa Hospital, Toronto General Hospital, St. Michaels Hospital for these past 19 plus years, that made it possible to keep him with us, though his Rheumatoid Arthritis Disease, Heart Disease, Vascular Disease and Pulmonary Fibrosis Disease and his many surgeries. The care and compassion he and his family received these past 4 months from The HealthCare Services, to enable us to keep him at home is beyond words. Palliative Care Doctor McAllister and nurse Amber, they were both here within minutes of his passing, we will forever be grateful.

John so enjoyed his time with the Auxiliary Whitby OPP Detachment in the late 60's, a member of Oshawa Bowling leagues for many years, coaching kids in Youth Bowling, Glen Stewart Park hockey and baseball teams, his many hunting and fishing trips to Northern Ontario with his (late father-in-law Elmer Treen) and brother-in-law Norman Treen. We both looked so forward when sister Patti would call and plan our trips up North to Haileybury, Niagara Falls and the Casino's.

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Employment Opportunity

Dam Keeper

Parks Canada – Trent-Severn Waterway

Apply before: May 10, 2022

Salary: \$22.77 to \$27.39 hourly (currently under review)

Location: Haliburton, Ontario

Reference Number: CAP22J-011385-000146

Work Profile: The Dam Keeper position is responsible for maintenance and general repairs of contemporary and historic facilities, structures, equipment, machinery, and grounds; and conducting water management in the Haliburton Area of the Trent-Severn Waterway.

How to apply: Go to GCJobs and complete an **advanced search** for the reference number or the position noted above.

For Information about the position, please contact:

Human Resources
rhnvs-tswhr@pc.gc.ca

Possibilité d'emploi

Préposé aux barrages

Parcs Canada – Voie navigable Trent-Severn

Date de fermeture : 10 mai 2022

Salaire : 22,77 \$ à 27,39 \$ (taux horaire) (présentement sous révision)

Lieu de travail : Haliburton (Ontario)

Numéro de référence : CAP22J-011385-000146

Profil du poste: Le poste de préposé aux barrages est responsable de l'entretien et des réparations générales des installations, structures, équipements, machines et terrains contemporains et historiques; et le gestion de l'eau dans le secteur Haliburton de la voie navigable Trent-Severn.

Comment présenter sa candidature : Accéder à GCJobs et lancer une **recherche avancée** en utilisant le numéro de référence indiqué ci-dessus.

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HELP WANTED

HANDYMAN



Point in Time
Centre for Children, Youth and Parents

HELP WANTED - FAMILY SUPPORT (FULL TIME)

We are currently offering a full-time (35 hour/week) 1 year contract, with opportunity to lead into a full-time permanent position. Under the direction of the Family Support Team Lead, the worker is responsible for assessing and providing services for children, youth, and parents in Haliburton County to address social, emotional, and behavioural needs.

The ideal candidate will be a Registered Social Service Worker or Registered Psychotherapist with a background in Mental Health and an interest in the issues currently impacting the children, youth, and parents in our community.

Point in Time is committed to building an organization that reflects the communities we work with. We encourage applications from members of Black, Indigenous, and racialized communities, LGBTQ+ communities, people with disabilities, and members of other equity seeking groups. Point in Time will provide accommodation during the recruitment process to ensure equal access to applicants with disabilities, upon the request of the applicant.

Visit www.pointintime.ca for a detailed job description.
Please send cover letter and resume by May 13, 2022
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**Point in Time Centre for Children Youth and Parents P.O. Box 1306,
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HELP WANTED

Ontario Early Years Centre Haliburton Victoria Brock Inc. is seeking an EarlyON Early Learning Facilitator



6 month contract position—may be renewed or made permanent
The Ontario Early Years Centre Haliburton Victoria Brock (OEYC HVB) is a non-profit organization that provides free, responsive and innovative programs for families/caregivers with children newborn-6 years of age.

Early Learning Facilitators are responsible for planning and facilitating early learning and caregiver education/support programs. Our facilitators offer activities to promote enquiry-based learning and socialization for children 6 years of age and under. Working alongside other OEYC HVB staff and community partners, they support the needs of the participants and share up to date information and resources. Building positive connections with children, parents, grand-parents and caregivers is essential to this role.

The successful candidate:

- is a RECE, or has evidence of ongoing coursework towards this designation; and has experience working directly with children and families.
- has an up to date Criminal Reference Check, including Vulnerable Sector Check.
- holds current First Aid and CPR certification (or be willing to obtain).
- has an Ontario G-class license and is willing to travel within the City of Kawartha Lakes/Haliburton County.

Please submit an email of intent and resume to Julie Bosker (juliebosker@oeyc.ca), EarlyON Program Manager no later than May 9, 2022.

We thank all who apply, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Ontario Early Years Centre Haliburton Victoria Brock Inc. is seeking an EarlyON Early Learning Facilitator Assistant



12-16 week contract position (renewal possible)
The Ontario Early Years Centre Haliburton Victoria Brock (OEYC HVB) is a non-profit organization that provides free, responsive and innovative programs for families/caregivers with children newborn-6 years of age.

Early Learning Facilitator Assistants are responsible for helping to plan and facilitate early learning and caregiver education/support programs. Our facilitators and assistants offer activities to promote enquiry-based learning and socialization for children 6 years of age and under. Working alongside other OEYC HVB staff and community partners, they support the needs of the participants and share up to date information and resources. Building positive connections with children, parents, grand-parents and caregivers is essential to this role.

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YARD

SALES



BIG GARAGE/MOVING SALE
1368 Cranberry Lake Road (turn at Kennisis Lake Road & County Road 6) May 7th 7 a.m. until all tables are bare!! Wow – do we have stuff – all kinds of stuff. Tools, Christmas items, indoor décor, all kinds of goodies A little something for everyone. See you all then.

YARD SALE – 1027 Falling Leaf Lane,
Haliburton (Kennisis Lake Rd & Breckles Dr – follow signs to sale) Saturday May 14th & Sunday May 15th 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Power tools, RV couch, table saw, fishing gear, office supplies, craft supplies, and much more!

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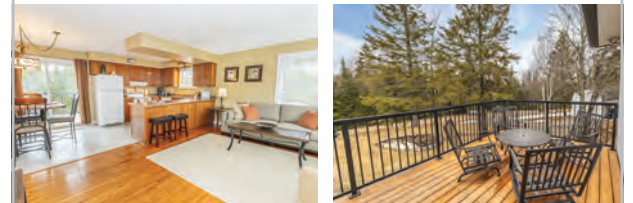
Are you looking for a stress-free, low maintenance way to enjoy Haliburton County? Fractional ownership at William's Landing may be for you! Located along the beautiful shores of Lake Kashagawigamog with numerous trails throughout the property. This cottage has all the conveniences of home including laundry, highspeed internet, linens and towels. The only thing you'll need to bring are your bags.

BUILD YOUR BUSINESS \$139,000



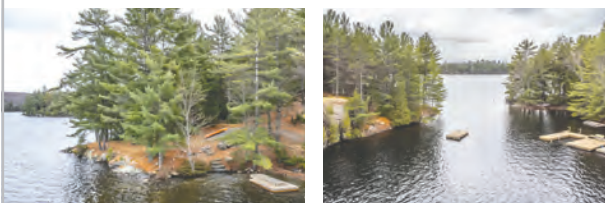
Over one acre of vacant land located in the prime, commercial area of Industrial Park! This property is a great opportunity for anyone who is looking to build in an easily accessible, high-traffic area in the quickly growing town of Haliburton. With many different commercial uses available and a growing economy this is a great opportunity to invest.

SPACE TO ROAM AND PLAY \$499,000



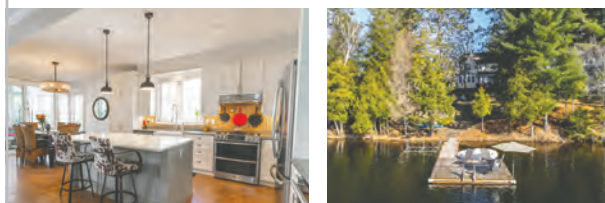
Surrounded by trees and lakes this well-kept home is quiet and private yet minutes to Gooderham with Haliburton and Bancroft nearby. 3 Bdrm, 1 Bth and fully winterized, this bungalow has lots of closet space, a finished basement with rec-room providing a walkout to the nice-sized yard where with plenty of space for pets, children, and all your guests.

COZY ON KOSHLONG LAKE \$1,199,900



Located on one of Haliburton's most sought after lakes is this west facing lot with 400 ft of water frontage on Koshlong Lake. Enter the stone gates to the large, level area with a small 1.5 storey cabin dubbed the Sugar Shack. The sloping path takes you down to the stunning and level waterfront area, a perfect place to spend your days. If you have been waiting for that special place to build on Koshlong Lake, look no further!

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